The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A chain block, comprising:

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a drive motor and an at least one-stage transmission;

said drive motor having a motor shaft, said transmission having an input shaft, said motor shaft connected at a take-off side via a slip clutch to said transmission input shaft;

said transmission having a first gear mounted in a housing via pivot bearings; and

wherein said transmission input shaft is mounted floating in said pivot bearings in order to affect the frictional force of said slip clutch.

- 2. The chain block of claim 1 wherein said slip clutch is arranged near said first gear on said transmission input shaft and thrusts against one of said pivot bearings.
- 3. The chain block of claim 2 wherein said transmission input shaft has a pinion that is configured in a spiral gearing so that, during operation of the chain block, the axial force produced by said spiral gearing leads to a reduction in frictional force of said slip clutch in a lengthwise direction of said transmission input shaft.
- 4. The chain block of claim 3 wherein the axial force produced by said spiral gearing results in an increasing of the frictional force of said slip clutch at least when said chain block is hoisting.
- 5. The chain block of claim 1 wherein said transmission input shaft has a pinion that is configured in a spiral gearing so that, during operation of the chain block, the axial force produced by said spiral gearing leads to a reduction in frictional force of said slip clutch in a lengthwise direction of said transmission input shaft.
- 6. The chain block of claim 5 wherein the axial force produced by said spiral gearing results in an increasing of the frictional force of said slip clutch at least when said chain block is hoisting.

- 7. The chain block of claim 1 wherein one end of said transmission input shaft is thrust against said second pivot bearing across a spring element in order to activate said slip clutch.
- 8. The chain block of claim 7 wherein said spring element comprises flat spring elements.
- 9. The chain block of claim 8 wherein pretensioning of said spring element is adjusted by said pivot bearing being adapted to travel lengthwise in said housing and be moved in a direction of said spring element by a set screw thrusting against said housing.
- 10. The chain block of claim 9 wherein said brake is spaced from said housing at a distance established by said set screw.
- 11. The chain block of claim 7 wherein pretensioning of said spring element is adjusted by said pivot bearing being adapted to travel lengthwise in said housing and be moved in a direction of said spring element by a set screw thrusting against said housing.
- 12. The chain block of claim 11 wherein said brake is spaced from said housing at a distance established by said set screw.
- 13. The chain block of claim 1 wherein said brake is arranged at an end of said transmission input shaft away from said slip clutch and acts on said transmission input shaft.
- 14. The chain block of claim 13 wherein said brake is configured as an electromagnetically operated disk brake.
- 15. The chain block of claim 14 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.

- 16. The chain block of claim 1 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.
- 17. The chain block of claim 2 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.
- 18. The chain block of claim 3 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.
- 19. The chain block of claim 6 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.
- 20. The chain block of claim 7 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.
- 21. The chain block of claim 8 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.
- 22. The chain block of claim 9 wherein said slip clutch comprises a pressure disk that thrusts against said first pivot bearing and a clutch disk with a clutch lining, wherein said transmission input shaft thrusts against said clutch disk.